

SENATE BILL 834
By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 5, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-101(e), is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision thereto:

(5) If a parent has been in the past, or is currently, partially or completely unemployed in order to care for a child who is six (6) years of age or younger, or a child who is not yet enrolled in the first grade, then a calculation of income under the child support guidelines shall not include a determination that such parent is a willfully or voluntarily unemployed or underemployed parent. In determining the income of that parent, such parent shall not be attributed any income other than income that the parent actually earned during the time period that is being considered by the court in determining the income of each parent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.